

SHALL COMPLETE AND SUBMIT WITH THE APPLICATION AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY THAT ADDRESSES THE POTENTIAL FOR ANY ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON THE CRITICAL AREA AS A RESULT OF THE DRILLING.

(2) (I) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL FORWARD A COPY OF THE PERMIT APPLICATION AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (C)(1) TO THE CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION FOR ITS REVIEW AND COMMENT.

(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONSIDER AND COMMENT IN WRITING ON THE OBJECTIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE CRITICAL AREA COMMISSION BEFORE ISSUING A PERMIT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

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(A) Every holder of a permit to drill for gas or oil shall:

(1) Submit a completion report on forms to be supplied by the Department within 30 days after the drilling of a well has been completed;

(2) Submit cutting samples at the request of the Department;

(3) Notify the Department when a well is about to be abandoned;

(4) Seal and plug the well in a manner approved by the Department; [and]

(5) Post a performance bond to the State in the amount of [\$2,500] AT LEAST \$10,000 FOR EACH OIL OR GAS WELL, OR AT LEAST \$50,000 AS A BLANKET BOND FOR ALL OF THE PERMIT HOLDER'S OIL OR GAS WELLS, with good and sufficient surety, AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION, conditioned upon compliance with the provisions of this subtitle; AND

(6) OBTAIN AND KEEP IN EFFECT LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN \$300,000 FOR EACH PERSON AND \$500,000 FOR EACH OCCURRENCE OR ACCIDENT TO PAY DAMAGES FOR INJURY TO PERSONS OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY CAUSED BY THE DRILLING, PRODUCTION OPERATIONS, OR PLUGGING OF ALL OF THE PERMIT HOLDER'S GAS OR OIL WELLS IN THE STATE.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM AMOUNTS OF:

(1) PERFORMANCE BONDS UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(5) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(2) LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(6) OF THIS SECTION.